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November 20th, 1917

Dear Dr. Lash:

Mr. Langton has sent me a draft of a Trust Agreement in connection with the proposal of which I spoke to you arising out of a lady's will in which there is a bequest of $1000 for the Colleges Sermon Committee. I am sending you Mr. Lash's letter and the draft agreement. Perhaps you would be able to find time to glance through it and make any suggestions.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

Z. A. Lash, Esq., K.C., LL.D.,
Toronto.

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December 12th., 1917

Z. A. Lash, Esq., LL.D.,

Toronto.

My dear Dr. Lash:

Many thanks for your letter with regard to the constitution of the Colleges Sermon Committee. I am having the committee called to deal with the question.

Yours sincerely,

President.

December 14th, 1917

Z. A. Lash, Esq., LL.D.,

Toronto.

Dear Dr. Lash:

I am sending you some notes that Dean Pakenham jotted down for me which I received yesterday. Perhaps you would run through them in order to see whether in any way they might modify the agreement we are to draw up. I shall be glad to have them back.

Yours sincerely,

President.

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TORONTO, December 11th 1917

Sir Robert Falconer,

President, University of Toronto,

TORONTO.

My Dear Sir Robert:-

As promised at my interview with you yesterday, I write my views as to the plan which should be followed in connection with the endowment which the late Mrs. Isabel Field wanted to make for University Sermons.

I understood from you that there is now a voluntary Committee of Colleges in affiliation with the University of Toronto, who look after the arrangements relating to these Sermons, and that neither the University itself, nor University College has any control over the matter. This, of course, is in accordance with the University Act which prohibits the teaching of theology by the University or University College. So long as no endowment existed for the purpose of these Sermons, a voluntary Committee without any definite constitution could do what is necessary, but the fund of $1000.00 which is now offered by Mrs. J. L. Boyd must be held by trustees, and the terms of the Trust settled.

It would not, I think, be convenient to constitute the whole Sermons Committee of the Colleges as the trustees; it would be better that a smaller body, say three in number, should be appointed. At the same time it could not be expected that these trustees would perform the duties of the

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Committee as well as look after the investment of the fund and expenditure of the income. I suggest that the Sermons Committee of the Colleges be asked to frame for themselves a constitution, the chief provisions of which would relate to the manner of their appointment, their qualifications and the filling of vacancies, together with some general statement of their duties. This constitution should provide for the appointment of trustees to receive any endowment, and for the use to be made by the trustees of the income, or the principal, if the terms of the endowment permitted the use of the principal. A very common way of providing for the appointment to vacancies, is to allow the remaining members of the Committee to fill the vacancies. This may not be considered sufficiently democratic in relation to a Committee of the kind representing the Colleges, and it probably would be wise to make some provision for the election or approval by the Colleges of those constituting the Committee, say every five years, allowing vacancies to be filled during the interval by appointment by the remaining members.

I have asked Mr. Boyd for some information with respect to the Trust; meantime I will retain the draft of the proposed Trust Deed which he sent to Mr. Langton.

I am,

Yours truly,

Z A Lash

January 16th, 1918

Dear Dr. Lash:

I am sending you an article on the "Harvard Law School" which was sent to me by Mr. Rawle whom I had the pleasure of meeting a few months ago. It is to me a very informing article and contains ideas that should be fruitful when we consider the possibility of our having a Faculty of Law in the University. When you have read it will you be kind enough to let me have it back ?

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

Dr. Z. A. Lash.

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January 29th, 1918

Dr. Z. A. Lash,

Toronto.

Dear Dr. Lash:

We had a meeting of the Colleges Sermons Committee last week and the enclosed constitution was drawn up. Would you be kind enough to glance through it and see whether any changes should be made ? If not I presume that I can send a copy of it to Mrs. Boyd's lawyer and have the matter finally attended to.

I am glad that you were interested in Mr. Rawle's sketch of the history of the Harvard Law School.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

Dear Sir Robert
I am in Ottawa outside
waiting for an appointment
I submitted myself by drafting
a constitution on the lines of what
you enclosed. It should work smoothly
& obviate technical difficulties & be sufficiently
elastic to provide for events unforeseen.
The future may bring forth. Of course the
provisions are suggestions only & may require modification
when they have been considered & approved of by
the Committee. I think you should
write Mr Boyd & say that you are now in a position to settle
the terms of the trust of the Field bequest & that you have
asked me to communicate with him & get it into proper shape
for your action. I may be here for a few days, & will attend to it on
my return. Faithfully yours

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# CONSTITUTION OF THE COLLEGES SERMONS COMMITTEE.

The Colleges Sermons Committee shall consist of representatives of the Faculties and Colleges of the University of Toronto and of the Secretary of the University of Toronto Young Men's Christian Association and of the Secretary of the University of Toronto Young Women's Christian Association.

The Committee as at present constituted consists of Sir Robert Falconer, President of the University of Toronto; Dr. Hutton, Principal of University College; Chancellor Bowles representing Victoria College; Provost Macklem representing Trinity College; Principal O'Meara representing Wycliffe College; Principal Gandier representing Knox College; Professor W. S. Milner of University College; Professor F. Tracy of University College; Professor Wrong of the University of Toronto, and the Secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association.

In choosing members to fill the vacancies of those at present on the Committee or in making additions thereto the Committee shall as far as possible choose representatives from the staffs of the Faculties of the University, University College, Victoria College, Trinity College, Knox College and Wycliffe College.

The aim of this Committee is to arrange for Sunday services and preachers to deliver sermons for the students in attendance at the University of Toronto and its Colleges.

Three Trustees shall be appointed to hold in trust for the Colleges Sermons Committee the bequest of one thousand dollars made by the late Mrs. J. L. Boyd for the endowment of university sermons and any other gifts that may be received for the like purpose.

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February 5th, 1918

Z. A. Lash, Esq., K.C.,

Toronto.

Dear Mr. Lash:

Many thanks for all the care that you have taken in drawing up the constitution for the Colleges Serious Committee. I marvel at the facility with which you put into shape the suggestions that we make, and I am greatly indebted to you for your kindness.

Yours sincerely,

President.

April 5th, 1918.

Z. A. Lash, Esq., LL.D.,
Canadian Bank of Commerce Building,
Toronto.

My dear Mr. Lash:

I am sorry that I had not the suggestion that you made a few days ago as our Committee met. However, I will mention the matter this afternoon at a meeting of the Senate. We were intending to make this quite an international commencement but Mr. Lansing and Chief Justice White are not able to come and we have not yet heard from Mr. Root.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.